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FOR CHARGE FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:MOSCOW MICROWAVES

1. IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT TO ADVISE MOSCOW
STAFF OF ANY CHANGE IN MOSCOW SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS,
YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY BRIEF EMPLOYEES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

--A. WE HAVE PROMISED TO KEEP CHECKING ON THE MOSCOW
SIGNALS AND TO REPORT TO YOU ANY CHANGES IN ITS SIGNAL
STRENGTH ABOVE 2.0 MICROWATTS/CM2. WE HAVE DETECTED
FIVE OCCASIONS, ALL IN LATE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, WHEN
THE STRENGTH OF THE SIGNAL DIRECTED AT AN OPEN WINDOW
ON THE TENTH FLOOR (MEASURED WITHOUT THE SCREEN) WAS
ABOVE THE 2.0 LEVEL, THE HIGHEST BEING A READING OF 2.6
MICROWATTS/CM2. ON EACH OF THESE OCCASIONS THE DURATION
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OF THE SIGNAL AT THIS SLIGHTLY HIGHER STRENGTH LASTED

NO LONGER THAN AN HOUR AND OCCURRED DURING THE HOURS
BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M.

--B. AS YOU KNOW, THIS SIGNAL STRENGTH IS STILL WELL
BELOW THE ESTABLISHED SOVIET STANDARD AND WITH THE
SCREENING IN PLACE AT THE EMBASSY, THE LEVELS ACTUALLY
RECEIVED IN LIVING AND WORKING AREAS REMAIN A FRACTION

OF A MICROWATT (APPROXIMATELY 1/40,000THS OF THE
ESTABLISHED U.S. STANDARD). THEREFORE, THERE IS
ABSOLUTELY NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN OVER THIS MINOR INCREASE
IN STRENGTH.

--C. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY RAISED THESE
INCREASES WITH THE SOVIETS AND HAVE, AS WELL, RESTATED
OUR VIEW THAT THE SIGNALS SHOULD BE TURNED OFF ENTIRELY.

2. BRIEFING SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN AS LOW A KEY AS
POSSIBLE, PERHAPS AT GENERAL STAFF MEETING.

3. SUGGEST YOU ADVISE LOCAL AFSA REP THAT APPROPRIATE
AFSA COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE
ABOVE. ROBINSON

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